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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Record

SUBJECT : Atomic Energy Act of 1954

X1 1. [] and I today met J. Patrick Coyne, Secretary, NSC, to discuss the problems involved in the inaccessibility of Restricted Data among the intelligence family. After some discussion, Mr. Coyne suggested the following alternatives:

- a. We decline to attend any committee meeting where there is a question involving "Q" clearances and the appropriate exchange of information. (He qualified this by saying that he thought this was of course a very tough approach and we agreed that it was undesirable.)
- b. Preparation of a paper which could be considered by the IAC and presumably higher, as necessary;
- c. An Attorney General opinion, followed as necessary by remedial legislation.

X1 2. He stated that he would be delighted to take whatever action from his position that we should desire. He then called Charles Nelson, the AEC representative on the Planning Board, who said he would take it up with Mitchell, the AEC General Counsel.

X1 [] and I agreed to wait until this had been done before taking any action other than providing Coyne with a memorandum which would give a resume of the problem both in practice and legal aspects. [] will draft the former and I, the latter.

3. Coyne stated that they got numerous opinions from the Attorney General and had, in fact, received two very recently.

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